

The Roy Stibbs Reporter



November



DATES TO REMEMBER

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Wednesday, November 5th
PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library

Monday, November 10th
Div 1 & 2 - Britannia Mines Field Trip

Tuesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day – No School

Wednesday, November 12th
Subway Hot Lunch Day – for those who have pre-ordered

**Thursday, November 20-
Friday November 21st**
Family Photo Night – for those who have pre-registered

Wednesday, November 26
Popcorn Day- for those who have pre-ordered

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<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/roystibbs/Pages/default.aspx>



MESSAGE FROM MRS. WALTON

We have so much to be proud of over the past few months. Our school continues to be a vibrant and nurturing environment where children are encouraged to explore, grow, and thrive. The energy and enthusiasm within our classrooms reflect the dedication of our staff and the eagerness of our students to learn and connect with one another.

Our teachers have done a marvelous job reinforcing important daily routines that help create a sense of structure and safety for our learners. Alongside this, they have provided strong instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics, laying a solid foundation for academic success. Beyond academics, our staff have shown a deep commitment to our APL goals, focusing on self-regulation, emotional control, and the development of self-awareness. These skills are essential for helping students navigate both their learning and their relationships with others.

Storytelling continues to play a vital role in our classrooms, offering students a meaningful way to understand themselves and their place in the world. Through sharing their stories and listening to others, students are building empathy, confidence, and a deeper connection to their learning journey.

In addition to classroom learning, our students have benefited from a variety of enriching field trips and experiential opportunities. Opportunities like the Evergreen Cultural Centre presentation of drama games and storytelling, Alder Acres Pumpkin Patch, the City of Coquitlam's Urban Wildlife presentations, a trip to Britannia Mines, and the current lacrosse workshops have provided hands-on learning that deepens understanding and sparks curiosity. These experiences not only support curriculum goals but also help students make real-world connections, build social skills, and increase engagement with school life. We are incredibly proud of the growth we've seen in our students so far and look forward to celebrating their achievements with families as we approach the completion of Term 1.

We thank you for supporting our children and school as you do!

Sincerely,

Britt Walton

Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On the morning of **Monday, November 10th** we will have a school-wide Remembrance Day Assembly in the Gym. .

On Monday, November 10th our Leadership Students will circulate classrooms for poppy donations. Poppy donations in Canada are a meaningful way to honour and remember the sacrifices made by veterans who served in times of war and peace. The funds raised support veterans and their families, helping provide essential services and care. For elementary students, contributing to the poppy campaign is a valuable opportunity to learn about Canada's history, show respect for those who served, and understand the importance of giving back to their community. It helps foster empathy, gratitude, and civic responsibility from a young age.

We appreciate your support in explaining to children that such an event is a solemn one and that we wear our poppies respectfully over our hearts to honour those who have sacrificed to support the freedoms we enjoy today. Parents are welcome to attend our ceremony starting at 10:50am.

“NOON HOUR KNITTERS” CLUB> Begins Nov. 10th @ 12:30pm

The Roy Stibbs PAC is thrilled to start a Lunchtime Knitting Club with Seniors! Our goal is simple: to create a fun and safe space where students can learn the skill of knitting and to socialize with our wonderful senior volunteers. It's about learning skills and building community! Space is limited, be sure to return permission forms asap. *Should your child NOT get in to the club this time round, we may offer it again in the new year!*

Duration: 6 weeks November 10, 2025 - December 15, 2025 **Schedule:** Every Monday during the scheduled lunch period **Cost:** Free. All materials will be provided **Goals:** To learn the basic skills of knitting, to encourage positive intergenerational socialization between students and senior volunteers **Location:** School Library

TERM 1 REPORTING > LEARNING UPDATES (aka Report cards)

Our first formal Learning Update (formerly referred to as a Report Card) will be available on [MyEd Portal Link](#) for **Thursday, December 12th**. All parents will require a username and password. If your child is a returning Roy Stibbs student, your username and password has not changed from last year. Should you have forgotten your account OR do not believe to have one generated yet, we kindly ask that you send an email to bwalton@sd43.bc.ca request an account or a reset of your existing account prior to the beginning of December to avoid delay in accessing your child(ren)'s Learning Update.

If your child is new to Roy Stibbs and you have not received your username and password to the Myed Portal, kindly check your junk mail first to look for a message from Myed directly. If you have not received anything, contact bwalton@sd43.bc.ca to generate a new account.

IMPORTANT: We request that all families ensure they have portal access prior to December 1st to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child's/children's report cards.

WINTER CONCERT> Lights, Camera, Christmas!

Under the marvelous leadership of Mrs. Lundin, we will be hosting another holiday concert/performance this year that families won't want to miss. Because the school has grown in size this year, and we have capacity limits on the use of our gym, there will be two performances this year:

Dress Rehearsal December 10th @ 9:00am

December 10th @ 1:30pm

December 11th @ 1:30pm

We respectfully ask that parents only attend one showing. A survey will be sent out closer to the event to ensure we are not in violation of our capacity limits. Thank you for your understanding, consideration and cooperation.

ATTENDANCE / LATE STUDENTS/ PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY

- If your child will be absent/ late for any reason, please send an absence report (link is on our school website under "Quick Links" <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/roystibbs/Pages/default.aspx#/=>), phone the office at 604-939-2486 or email Mrs. Tipper at roystibbs@sd43.bc.ca before 9:00 a.m. We have an answering machine to pick up the messages if you call before 8:00 a.m. or you can fill out the absence report on the school website.
- If your child is late – please come with them to the office to check in and pick up a Welcome Slip to take to their classroom teacher.
- If you are picking up your child earlier than the regular dismissal time, please come to the office when you arrive to sign your child out of the building, and we will call them down to meet you.
- We need to make sure they have been signed in or out for safety reasons.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We want to make you aware that this year we have a substantial number of students with severe allergies that require the use of EpiPens. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, no food items will be permitted for birthday celebrations. Should families wish to honour their child's birthday they can voluntarily choose an alternate item to food like a birthday pencils, small erasers etc. but this is not an expectation and there must be enough for the class. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Please provide a nutritious snack and lunch that is easy for your child to consume. Please do NOT plan to drop off lunches later in the day – this is an unnecessary complexity when we have over 270 students. Of course, there may be a rare occasion when you must do this due to illness or mix up, but please teach your child to check for their own lunch/water bottle/snack etc. before leaving home! All eating will be done inside (before play time). There is no sharing of food or drink with others. **If your child requires any utensils in their lunch, please make sure to pack them in your child's lunchbox.**



DROP OFF AND PICK UP INFORMATION AND PARKING LOT

Please obey ALL posted traffic signs and only STOP or PARK where you are allowed to (*in front of the school stairs is no stopping zone*). Many traffic violations were ticketed this year already. Please do not park, drive in, drop off, or pick up any students from the parking lot. The staff parking lot only has sufficient space for our staff. If you are parking on the side streets – please use the sidewalk or grass areas to walk and do not walk through the parking lot.

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.



However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified. The decision to keep schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements. **Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

SCENT AWARE

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) buildings are scent-aware facilities. To protect those individuals with fragrance sensitivities and to prevent others from developing such sensitivities, SD43 provides this information and asks for your cooperation towards a scent-reduced environment. The district is asking for cooperation towards a



scent-reduced environment. All staff, students and visitors are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives. We recognize the personal right of individuals to use scented products. We believe, however, that this must be balanced with the adverse health effects and extreme discomfort that can be suffered by fragrance-sensitive individuals. This is not an issue about an individual disliking the smell of perfume and not getting what he/she wants in the workplace. This is not a ban on scented products. This is a request to refrain from chemical-based scented products.

HEAD LICE

During these colder months we sometimes see a rise in the number of cases of head lice. Although checking your children's hair should be a regular part of grooming, to help stop the spread of these pests; please check your child carefully for the next couple of months. You will need a bright light to do this. If you find lice and/or nits (lice eggs) on your child's head, treat it as necessary before your child returns to school.

How do I check for lice?

Because lice are tiny, mobile, and hard to spot, it's easier to look for their eggs (nits) rather than the bugs themselves. Live nits can be difficult to spot because they are tan-colored and blend in with the hair. Dead nits are silvery-colored and easier to see. These silvery oval specks are "glued" tightly to individual strands of hair, very close to the scalp. They are very small, about one-third the size of sesame seed. They are mostly found behind their ears and at the back of the neck. Because "nits" can sometimes be mistaken for particles of dandruff, it is sometimes useful to use a magnifying glass when searching. If you do find nits, then lice are sure to be there as well. You can contact the School Public Health Nurse at 604-949-7200 for more information or you can access the Fraser Health Unit website at www.fraserhealth.ca Please remember...ANYONE can get head lice. Their presence is not a sign of poor hygiene, poor housekeeping, or low socioeconomic status.

If you find your child has head lice, **please notify the school immediately**. Thank you for your assistance. We are relying on all parents to participate in checking their children's hair on a regular basis to help prevent the spread of lice.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Personal belongings like sporting equipment, cellphones, Pokémon cards, stuffies and other trinket toys **should remain at home and not be taken to school**. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Trading of such items or "loaning" of such items has the tendency to result in unnecessary and preventable conflict between students. We appreciate your support in ensuring such items do not come to school. Additionally, sporting equipment can inadvertently cause injury on an already busy playground. Should children ride scooters, skateboards or bicycles to school, they must be wearing a helmet on school property.

MABELS LABELS

Our school is fundraising with Mabel's Labels. If you're unfamiliar with them, they are personalized, durable and waterproof labels. They are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe. Label shoes, clothing tags, water bottles, anything you want! Don't like stickers? They also offer name stamps, silicone bracelets and medical alert labels. To support this fundraiser, go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search **Roy Stibbs Elementary PAC**. Your order will be shipped free of charge directly to you!



WEST COAST RECESS/LUNCH

At Roy Stibbs we are committed to providing our students with many opportunities to play outside. Your children will be going outside on many days when it is raining; we call this **West Coast Recess/Lunch**. Please ensure that your child has a good raincoat, proper footwear, a hat, gloves, and umbrellas during the coming fall and winter months. If you need any assistance with accessing proper clothing, please contact us at the office.





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Hyde Creek Fall Tour Day Saturday, November 22, 2025

- Book a guided tour of the Hyde Creek Education Centre & Hatchery (up to 10 people per group)
- Tour Times: Between 9:30 am - 2 pm. Tour approx. 20 minutes.
- Come view & learn about returning salmon which were eggs in Hyde Creek Watershed 4 years ago.
- Booking: Send an email to hcws.info@gmail.com with your name, phone number, preferred time & number of people in your group. Space is limited.
- Information about our facility is at our website www.hydecreek.org
- Donations for tours are gratefully accepted.

